IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Attv. Dkt.: 550-290 Washington, D.C. 20231 11133 U.S. PTO Date: December 6, 2001 Sir: 12/06/01 Attached for filing is the patent application of: Inventor: COWIE, N. et al. Entitled: INITIATING EXECUTION OF A COMPUTER PROGRAM FROM AN ENCRYPTED VERSION OF A COMUTER PROGRAM and including attachments as noted below: Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract pages of specification and claims (including 36 numbered claims), and 16 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned. Attached is a Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications: Day/Month/Year Filed **Application Number** Country , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application... Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. in prior appln. no. Certified copy(ies) filed on Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. . filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a [continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. . filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. The prior application is assigned to It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached. Applicant claims "small entity" status.

"Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Non-Publication Request; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; Other: 13 şar. FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED 740.00 Basic Filing Fee Total effective claims \$ 288.00 - 20 (at least 20) = x \$ 18.00 3 \$ Independent claims - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x\$ 84.00 0.00 If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 SUBTOTAL \$ 1028.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$1 0.00)SECOND SUBTOTAL 1028.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 40.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED 1.068.00 Any turre submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Stanley C. Spooner, Regulatio. 27,393 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 SCS:ecb Signature: